

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL EMS COMMITTEE

Freeman West Hospital
1102 West 32nd Street
Joplin, Missouri
Friday January 25, 2008

Members Present

Bob Patterson, Chair
Patty Parrish
Joy Raybourn
Mark Alexander
Don Looper

Present Appointment

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Guests

D. J. Satterfield
Rusty Tinney
Brian L. Boone
Sharell Questelle
Candace Adams
Bob Minter
Jim Morgan
David Hoover
Malissa Hembree
Rhonda Landreth
Janet Jordan
Tony Mitchell
Marc Kaufman
Sherry McCool
Jeff Prosser

Members Absent

Jim Pyron
Kevin Tweedy
L.E. Mire
Jim McGee
Donald Tribby
Susan Crum
Larry Beatty
Michael Krtek

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Call to Order

Robert Patterson, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:00.

Jason Fenton, Zoll Medical Sales Representative, shared a presentation and demonstration of the Autopulse. The committee expressed thanks to Zoll Medical for the information and for providing a meal for the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the November 9, 2007 meeting were reviewed and there were no additions or corrections from those present. However due to lack of a quorum of committee members, official approval of the minutes had to be tabled.

Continuing Education Opportunity

Following adjournment of the meeting, all in attendance were given a guided tour of Freeman West Hospital's new emergency department.

Old business:

Mutual Aid

It was noted in the wake of the recent ice storm, FEMA had indicated in order to receive reimbursement for mutual aid, services must have mutual aid agreements and these agreements must make reference to payment and to time frames. Bob Patterson agreed to add to the current mutual aid agreement draft appropriate verbiage regarding time frames and payment. Legal counsel's input would be sought for issues regarding the signature page of the agreement ie should all parties sign one form or should each party sign a separate form; and where should the original document and signatures be housed?

Open Committee Positions

Curriculum vitae for individuals interested in filling open committee positions had been submitted to the State for approval. Approval was currently pending.

Regional Medical Director

Nominations for Regional Medical Director had been forwarded to the state. It was reported ballots would be going to all Medical Directors on January 25, 2008.

Standardized Radio Report Format

Radio report forms from several agencies were distributed for review. Feedback on these forms should be emailed to Bob Patterson at rpatterson@sprg.mercy.net. Bob would utilize suggestions to refine a draft for review at the next Southwest Regional EMS Committee meeting.

New business:

Blood Tube Labeling

Bob Patterson provided samples of labels used for identification of blood tubes when blood samples were drawn by prehospital providers. Anyone interested in obtaining the name of the vendor should contact Bob.

Region D Update

David Hoover reported the following:

- Region D Multi Agency Center (MAC)—was opened in Greene County during the December ice storm and provided assistance with obtaining and coordinating resources. This was apparently well received. An after action report was available. Anyone interested in reviewing this report could obtain it from David Hoover.
- Medical Surge—2250 beds would be supplied for Region D. Equipment was currently in Columbia and preparations for distribution were under way.
- Communications Exercise—would be held in March and would work with the EM System.
- EM System—handheld tracking devices were being distributed to ambulance services. Training for Region D would be held 2/7 and 2/8.

Legislative Update

Mark Alexander provided the following State Advisory Council report:

- Increase in Medicaid funding for prehospital services had been proposed
- Peer review for EMS was being discussed
- A cell phone 911 bill proposed a statewide fee to subsidize funding
- Line of duty death benefit was discussed
- Time critical diagnosis task force had held its first meeting
- March 4, 2008 would be EMS Day at the Capitol
- A triage standard would help provide immunity for health care providers who assisted in a disaster. “Alternative Standard of Care” for disaster would be defined
- EMS Memorial was in Kansas City recently. Efforts were underway to make Kansas City a permanent home for the memorial.

Bob Patterson provided the following Pediatric Committee report:

- Pediatric guidelines and equipment lists for ambulances were available
- Efforts were underway to identify a process for pediatric verification of ambulance services

Patty Parrish provided the following Trauma Committee report:

- Discussions had been held regarding instituting Level IV trauma centers in Missouri
- Criteria for Level IV designation have been considered

Area Updates

Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City was undergoing renovation. Currently ambulances must back into the ED bay. Construction would be ongoing for an estimated 6 months. Updates on progress would be forthcoming.

Issues from the floor:

Interim Medical Director

A motion was made to name Dr. Janet Jordan interim Medical Director for the Southwest Regional EMS Committee. Committee members in attendance were unanimously in favor, however lack of a quorum precluded an official decision.

Scheduling of next meeting:

The next meeting of the Southwest Regional EMS Committee was scheduled for Friday, March 14, 2008 at 12:00 at the Greene County EOC located at 833 North Boonville in Springfield, MO.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 13:50.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy Raybourn MSN APRN,BC CEN